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**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES
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1. The evidence indicated below shows that subject matter claimed in the above-referenced U.S. patent application (the "Application") was invented at a date prior to the effective date of reference cited to reject such claims (the "Reference"). The Reference is U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2003/0158657, which, on its face has a prior-art effective date of March 23, 2001.

2. I am a Principal Attorney/Manager for Applicant and have responsibility over the application and related documentation, including invention disclosure forms.

3. I am familiar with the following attached document, which is submitted as evidence in support of this declaration:

Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of an invention disclosure identified as Travel Manager, 780232. I am familiar with this invention disclosure and that it was prepared in the ordinary course of Applicant's business and is a reliable record of the inventions claimed in the Application.

4. Although there may be records of earlier conception, the invention disclosure shows that subject matter of the Application was conceived before the effective filing date of the Reference. [The date on the document has been redacted.]

5. Based on my familiarity with the invention claimed in the application, from conception to constructive or actual reduction to practice, diligence was maintained as to the inventions claimed in the Application.

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